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Sir:

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The documents identified on Form PTO/SB/08A were cited in related European and United States applications. Attached please find a Supplementary European Search Report issued in a related European application, dated September 12, 2007, and Office Actions issued in related United States applications, dated September 28, 2007 and October 18, 2007.

Since all of the documents cited herein were cited in said Search Report and Office Actions, it is believed that the relevance of each document cited is clear from the Search Report and Office Actions, and accordingly, no further comment with regard to the disclosure of these documents is believed to be required. A copy of each non-U.S. document identified on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A, however, in accordance with Official Gazette Notice dated

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It is respectfully requested that the attached documents be considered and officially cited, and that the Examiner initial a copy of Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B, and return them to the undersigned to indicate that the documents have been considered.

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